

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): Hollow ceramics particles having a hollow structure formed by a porous shell layer comprising ceramics powders bonded to each other and having an average particle diameter of from 10 to 100 μm and a breaking strength of 5×10^4 MPa or more, wherein the average thickness of the aforementioned porous shell layer is from 2 to 60 μm .

2. (canceled).

3. (currently amended): The hollow ceramics particles as described in Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the aforementioned ceramics powder is a mixed powder composed of powders having different particle diameters and/or kinds.

Claims 4 - 9. (canceled).